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/dɪrɪvətɪv/

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• **noun** 1 something which is derived from another source. 2 a derivative future, option, or other financial product. 3 Mathematics an expression representing the rate of change of a function with respect to an independent variable.

— DERIVATIVES **derivatively** adverb.

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